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Colonel Christopher A. Knight
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Colonel Knight:

I would like to begin by thanking you and your organization for their hard work and dedication during the Organization of American States General Assembly (OASGA) from June 5 through June 7, 2005 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Due to the efforts of your organization and a myriad of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, security for the OASGA was a complete success. Throughout the three-day event, not a single arrest was made nor was any law enforcement officer injured.

I would like to specifically thank Captain John Roberts for his effort prior to and during the event. John was instrumental to the successful planning and implementation of the Unified Command's security plan and should be commended for his efforts. We look forward to working with John and the individuals that make up your organization in the future. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Morton". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe D. Morton
Director
Diplomatic Security Service